

THE EVENING LIGHT

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.

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"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

"For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Acts 10: 46.

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Healing in the Atonement

Healing for Our Bodies the Same as Salvation for Our Souls.

"By Whose [Jesus] Stripes Ye Were Healed." 1 Peter 2:24.

There are a number of good people who believe God is able to heal their bodies in answer to prayer who do not see healing in the atonement the same as the forgiveness of sins.

It is not our purpose to give a lengthy discussion of this subject at this time, but to make a few statements and give some Scriptures bearing on the subject for the consideration of those who may be interested, with a desire to encourage the faith of all who may read the "Evangel."

In the 103rd Psalm and the second and third verses we read, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." The Psalmist indicates here that although we might forget some of the Lord's benefits to us, we should not forget these; that God forgives sins and heals our bodies. The human race have forgotten these two benefits largely, and even many professed christians have forgotten both, yet

more, probably, have forgotten the latter than the former. The reason why people are so forgetful of things pertaining to their own interests is not to be discussed, but the fact remains just the same. The Bible is, or could be, in every home in America, and yet people are so occupied with the things of this world that they are unmindful of the good things in their Bibles that ought to be remembered for the good of themselves.

In the atonement chapter, Isaiah 53, the prophet did not speak only of salvation for the soul, but healing for the bodies as well. Verses 4 and 5 should be read and studied carefully. "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes (bruise—margin) we are healed." This same Scripture is mentioned in Math. 8:16, 17.

"When the even was come, they brought unto him (Jesus) many that were possessed with devils; and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias (Isaiah) the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

There are many good people to-day who believe God has power to heal, and will and does heal in answer to prayer, that never think of healing being provided for us in the atonement the same as salvation for our souls. When people see this fully it will no doubt inspire more faith for healing. Indeed there is no other way provided in the Bible for salvation except by and through Jesus Christ. I will add here that there is no other plan given between the lids of the Bible for the healing of our bodies except through Jesus. For years, yea and ages, christian people have been using other means for healing contrary to the Bible teaching. Many of these same people would not think of any other way for salvation for the soul except through Jesus, and would say, "to climb up any other way would make them thieves and robbers," and yet when it came to healing they never thought of making themselves of the same class by resorting to physicians and medicine. The true light has once more commenced to shine brilliantly on earth. The last message is going forth. In the "evening time it shall be

light." The time is now at hand when all christians will really take up their cross and follow Jesus. In a very short time people will not be considered christians, even by the world, who resort to medical aid in time of sickness. There are many precious people to-day whose faith is not up to that point yet, but the light is spreading so rapidly and so many are being healed, that many who are not quite up yet in their faith will, ere long, lay hold of the better way, and feel they are transgressors of God's laws and enemies of the cross of Christ (Phil. 3:18) if they appeal for help in any other way than that which the Bible recommends.

In His last message to His disciples Jesus gave as one of the signs that would follow the believer that "they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Besides this, James gives us explicit directions as to what we should do when we get sick. "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." James 5:14. There is no other plan given in the Bible for healing except through Christ by the wonder-working power of God. Some say they believe in asking God to bless the means or remedies, but beloved, the Bible does not give us such directions. People have a good many opinions and practices that are contrary to the teaching of Scriptures. The time has come now for christians to conform completely to the Bible teaching. We can't plead ignorance any longer. Light and knowledge are increasing rapidly as the last message is going forth. The Holy Ghost is our great teacher. Many who a year ago could take medicine feel condemned now as soon as the medicine is applied

or taken inwardly. The Holy Ghost is constantly testifying of Jesus as Savior and healer and coming King. Homes are being revolutionized. Customs among christians are changing. The Holy Ghost is at the head and directing these changes. He is seeking those who will honor their Lord and obey Him in everything. He is seeking for a bride for Jesus. When she is fully prepared and has made herself ready and the Lord descends in the air, she, with others, will rise to meet Him, but evidently none will go who are still holding on to medicines and remedies.

The atonement is complete, then why not get the complete benefits from it? Why not take the money you have been spending for medicine and physicians and put into the Lord's work? Healing, by the power of God, has been advocated by a few for years, but it is now time for the masses of believers in Christ to adopt this standard. Jesus said, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth:..... He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you." John 16:13, 14. Healing is a part of the truth, and He will eventually guide all who love Jesus into this truth, and this will glorify Jesus. In one of his discourses soon after Pentecost, Peter said God was glorifying His Son Jesus in the healing of the lame man. Acts 3:13. When we are healed by the power of God we glorify Jesus, but otherwise we rather bring a reproach on His name because of our faithlessness. Claiming to be christians (Christ-like), and then resort to other sources for healing instead of in the atonement Christ made for us. But I wish to repeat, the time is at hand when all Christians will apply the Bible remedy for sickness rather than resort to man's remedies. The outlook is glorious.

Wonderful advancements have been made in this direction in the last four years, since the falling of the "latter rain." The advance will no doubt be more rapid in the next four years if the Lord tarries. To accept Christ in these days means to take Him for all He is, viz., Saviour, sanctifier, baptizer with the Holy Ghost, healer and coming King. He was manifest to destroy the works of the devil. John 3:8. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7. What better promise could we ask for than this? Glory! Look up, dear sick one, Jesus is your friend. He will come and heal you if you will ask Him. Glory! Hallelujah! PRAISE HIS NAME.

Prayer Wanted.

I ask your sincere prayers for me. I am living a consecrated life, but I don't have the Holy Ghost. Pray that I may receive Him. Also pray that I may be healed of my afflictions. I have been afflicted all my life. Something in my side hurts me awful bad, and I have rheumatism in my knees until I can scarcely walk at times. I want your faithful prayers that I may be healed. I don't take medicine and don't take anything into my system that I think is poison. Please pray for me, that I may be faithful and true, and hold out to the end and wear a crown of glory.

Your most humble servant in Christ Jesus,

NICEY STAFFORD,
Pikeville, N. C.

Those mentioned in the Bible who claimed to be right spiritually, but rejected divine healing, were the Scribes and Pharisees, who Jesus said were hypocrites.

What is the Evidence of the Baptism with the Holy Ghost?

The Bible Cannot be Denied.

A Bit of Personal Experience.

There is no subject being so much discussed just now in religious circles as the above, and this discussion is largely a result of a mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God in the earth, which is accompanied in every place by the speaking in other tongues. The leaders that the Lord has used in this movement from the first have declared that, not only is the speaking in tongues Scriptural, but that it is the Bible evidence that a person is filled with the Spirit. This teaching has drawn a tremendous fire of criticism from every source; and there is a careful search being made for other evidence of the baptism in the Spirit. Many have come forward with different things, such as feeling more blest, and having more liberty in preaching the Word, after some particular experience, while others declare that love is the one and only evidence that the Spirit has fallen on a person as at Pentecost. But I will ask the question, "Will these things stand the test of the Scriptures?" and must answer decidedly "No."

Now, there is a great deal of misunderstanding as to what is meant by the "Bible Evidence" of the baptism in the Holy Ghost. Let me explain that it is not intended to mean a permanent or continuous evidence that one has the Holy Spirit, but only to evidence the fact that the Spirit has come in at the time He comes in. In other words, there is a definite and unmistakable evidence given to every person, at the time the blessed Holy Spirit comes into His temple, which is our body. So that no one need be in darkness or doubt as to whether he has received the Holy Spirit or not; and this being the case, the thing for us to do is to go down before God and ask Him to baptize us in the Holy Spirit according to the Scriptures, and when we really received Him, He will give us the real evidence. Then as we walk in Him, it will be heaven on earth; and we can declare His works with a boldness and confidence that no one can do who is in any doubt as to his experience, as so many are. In fact, I am meeting many who think they surely have the Holy Spirit, but cannot tell when or how they received Him, and of course

cannot bear definite testimony to an indefinite experience; but how different it is with those who have received Him in a Scriptural way, and also the Bible evidence. They know when; and how; and they know that he still dwells within; and His presence fills them with unutterable joy.

Now, to answer the question, "What is the bible evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit?" I stand with those whom God has used as instruments in the hands of the Holy Spirit to bring this movement into existence, and declare positively that the speaking in other tongues, as the Spirit gives utterance, is the evidence that the Holy Spirit in person has come within a person to dwell; and this after careful observation of the work and study of the scriptures before I received the Holy Ghost myself; and after twenty-one months in the experience, and after hearing and reading much that has been said and written on the subject, having been especially careful to hear and read all I could that was against the movement, and especially against this pivotal truth, and will now set forth some of the reasons why I believe the speaking in tongues to be the evidence of the baptism in the Holy Ghost.

My first reason is that it is Scriptural, and I have been astonished in reading articles against this point that none of the writers have attempted to convince their readers from the Scriptures that it is unscriptural. And in conversation with them, not one of them has quoted Scripture to establish their position; have pointed to Wesley and Moody and Spurgeon and other great and good men, whose piety none of us doubt, and whom I admire as much as these opponents of the Holy Spirit's work do. But still they are not our authority, and much of their experience is unknown to us. In other words, I do not know whether they spoke in tongues or not, but I do know whether they or others did or do, that it is Scriptural; and as the Bible is my authority, it is fruitless to attempt to convince me, because any man or men did not have a certain experience, it is not Scriptural. I must be convinced by the Scriptures themselves; and as I read the Scripture, I find this was what followed when people received the Holy Ghost.

It is just like Satan to especially oppose every work of the Holy Spirit, and at this time, when there is such a deep need of a deeper spiritual life among the people of God, which can only be met by the incoming and indwelling of the Holy Ghost, what more natural than that he should oppose, with all his diabolical power, the one

clearly Scriptural way of receiving the Holy Ghost. And what better method could he adopt to do away with the unmistakable sign, which God has given, that we may know when the work is finished? Why should Satan not be willing for us to substitute some other thing, which the Scriptures do not give as the evidence of the baptism? But of course it is not the tongues he is aiming his blows at, or is so aroused about, but it is what they stand for. He knows if a person gets the gift of the Holy Ghost according to the Scriptures he can never make them doubt it, nor mix them up, nor get them to seek for the Holy Ghost any more. So as long as one is not definite in the matter one will not have much opposition from the devil, nor his agents. But when one resolves to have an experience that will measure up to the Word of God, Satan will rage against him in every possible way.

But now we come to the actual teachings of the Scriptures on this subject. Jesus Himself said, Mark 16:17, "They shall speak with new tongues," and this was to be a sign to unbelievers. Now is it not strange that the people of God have so long overlooked this definite promise of our Lord? And yet it is not so strange, when we think how few definite evidences of a personal Holy Ghost we have seen, and when we note how so-called believers oppose any real work of the Holy Spirit when He really begins His work. But God is moving rapidly, and soon all the signs and gifts and works of the Spirit will be seen among His true people.

Now let us notice what happened when the Holy Spirit fell on the hundred and twenty on the day of Pentecost. It does not say that they received more love, or that they had more liberty in preaching, or that they had a little better knowledge of the Scriptures, though we know they had all this and more; but it says, "There appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Notice dear reader, no one could ever doubt such an experience. It was definite; it was literal; it was real. They waited for the Holy Ghost to come upon them, and He came, and they knew He came, and those who saw and heard knew that He had come. Notice "They were filled with the Holy Ghost," and that is the only word that expresses it. He fills and thrills, and then, as if to announce the fact that He has come in person, He takes vocal organs and speaks in other tongues, not as we will,

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There is said to be sixty-two Chinese and twelve Japanese heathen temples now in the U. S. Our christian(?) America is rapidly plunged into heathenism, and but few are thoroughly awakened about the matter. Surely the time of the end of the age is at hand. We must hasten to preach the gospel of the kingdom in all the world for a witness. There is no time to lose.

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but as He wills. What a difference in his glorious and wonderful experience and what I have witnessed in some of our large churches, where large numbers came forward for the Holy Ghost, and after kneeling for a while in prayer were told to just take the Lord at His word, and claim the Holy Ghost, and then they would have Him when they needed Him. They all went away, and so far as I could see or hear, not one soul received a single thing. The whole thing is mockery. It is a shame to teach honest souls that the Holy Ghost is of so little consequence, that one would not know when He came in, and that we would only be conscious of His presence when in some special need, and then only know Him as an influence. This may satisfy some people, but it is not the Bible way, and would never satisfy me. O Brother! the Holy Ghost is the third person of the adorable Trinity! And when He comes into you, you will know it; and those around you will know it, for they will hear you speak in tongues. God did not baptize the Apostles and others at Pentecost in such a wonderful way, and then arrange another way to baptize you. Why should He give them this wonderful experience, and speak through them in tongues, and then give you some indefinite experience, that neither you nor any one else would really know you had. Where in the Scripture is the account of an experience like what you claim and call the baptism?

Now, in Acts 8, we have another account of the Holy Spirit's falling on a company of believers in the city of Samaria. Those who oppose the tongue's evidence sometimes point to the fact that the Scriptures do not say, in so many words, that they spake in tongues when the Spirit fell on them; but it does say that when Simon saw that through the laying on of the Apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying "Give me this power, that on whomsoever I lay my hands he may receive the Holy Spirit." Now readers, I will admit that the Scriptures do not say they spake in tongues, but we know there was something happened that was very evident, or Simon, who was a shrewd sorcerer, would not have offered his money to have power given him to impart the Holy Ghost in like manner. If you take the stand that they did not speak in tongues, as I believe they did, what do you suppose happened to them? So far as I know, all the commentators are agreed that they spake in tongues, and even the encyclopedias state that they probably spoke in tongues. At any rate, there was

something very definite happened, and I would to God that all who claim to receive the Holy Ghost in these days, received something that one like Simon could see, and would be willing to buy power to impart something like it. Dear reader, what happened to you and the members of your church that would have attracted the attention of this sorcerer?

We will now take up and consider the manner in which the Holy Ghost was given at the house of Cornelius. Acts 10:44-48, "While Peter yet spake these words the Holy Ghost fell on all those that heard the Word." Now follows something that is very strong and convincing, and leads me to believe that those who were with Peter believed the tongues to be the evidence. Notice what the Word says here, "And they of the circumcision that believed were amazed, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles, also, was poured out the Holy Ghost." Now let us note what follows. It does not say, because they had more love, or that they had more liberty in testimony, preaching or prayer. They could not have known this at the time; but notice, there was a sign whereby they knew beyond a doubt that the Holy Ghost had fallen upon those Gentiles, and the forty-sixth verse tells us how they knew. "For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Now, Peter understood this, also, to be the evidence, and immediately stops his discourse, and proceeds to baptize them, saying, "Who can forbid water that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" Now this is the way the Lord baptized people in the early days, as this was only about eight years after Pentecost. Will some one tell me where in the Scripture He tells us of any other way that He has provided for us to receive the Holy Ghost? And unless we find another way clearly defined, let us not be satisfied till He has baptized us in this way.

We will now notice how the Ephesians received the Holy Spirit, as recorded in Acts 19:4-6. Apollos had instructed them carefully in the things concerning Jesus, but when Paul comes down he says unto them, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" and, when he learned that they had not he did not tell them to just claim the Holy Ghost and go on, and that they would have Him when they needed Him. But finding they did not understand Christian baptism either, he baptized them into the name of the Lord Jesus. "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spake

with tongues and prophesied." Reader, when one receives the Holy Ghost in this way he will know it; and others will know it. And again I say, how different indeed this is from the way we see people claiming to receive the Holy Ghost in these days.

Having called your attention to these Scriptures, which so clearly set forth the one way of receiving the Holy Ghost than can be established by the Word of God, I will now proceed to give some other reasons why I believe the speaking in other tongues to be the Bible evidence that one receives the Holy Ghost. It is now two years since the Spirit first fell on our people here. I had labored in Chicago for four years in the missions at 943 West North Avenue and at 328 West Sixty-third Street, and, at both missions stood for the full Gospel, and were made up of deeply spiritual people, I never doubted that most of them had the same experience I had; and I had believed for years that I had the Holy Ghost. But, when the Spirit began to fall in Sixty-third Street and then in North Avenue Mission, to my surprise, the most spiritual persons were the first to be baptized, and speak in tongues; but I said to my wife, "You will see some get just what the rest do, that will not speak in tongues." But, when nearly forty in Sixty-third Street Mission, and some fifteen in North Avenue Mission, had received the Holy Spirit and every one of them had spoken in tongues, it made me stop and think, especially as I had never doubted that at least two-thirds of these people had exactly the same experience as I had myself. So I began to earnestly seek and early in February, 1907, went to Los Angeles, Cal., where there was a mighty outpouring of the Spirit, and more than one thousand had been baptized in the Spirit. And when I asked the workers if every one had spoken in tongues, they replied that they had, and I will confess that I was disappointed, as it would have been a great relief to me if I could have found one who had received just what the rest did except the tongues, but could not.

On the morning of March 2, 1907, God gloriously baptized me in His Holy Spirit; and O! how He did speak through me in tongues! and if I had any doubt left before, as to whether the tongues were the evidence, I have had any since. Furthermore, I have seen scores baptized or even hundreds since that time; and every one of them have spoken in tongues. Not one has failed. Now, reader, suppose you should witness several hundred people baptized in the Holy Ghost and hear of many hundred more, and that without excep-

tion, so far as you knew, they were deeply spiritual people, what is their need was no greater than the need of others, would it not be very convincing to you in the face of the fact, that the Scripture also, gives this as the sign in every case where it mentions what really happened when the Spirit fell on and baptized people in the days of the Apostles? May God reveal His will and plan to us, and give us grace to refuse to be satisfied with anything short of it. O let us yield ourselves to God and be really filled with the Holy Spirit, for what will it profit us to simply claim Him and pass as having the Spirit when in reality we have Him not, and therefore can really know very little about Him. For, such as a sinner cannot understand regeneration, an unbaptized person cannot understand the baptism, but when we feel Him come in and flood our souls with His life and love and power and joy and peace and rest, and when He takes our tongues and speaks with them and then continues to abide with us, O! it is then that we know that we have the Holy Spirit, and it is then we can instruct others concerning Him.—Pentecostal Testimony.

The Camp Meeting at Arcadia, Fla.

The camp meeting at Arcadia, Fla., has closed. The Lord was with us from the first to the last. Several received the baptism with the Holy Ghost, giving evidence of the same by speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Some were converted and sanctified, and no doubt many vows were made to God, besides the saints were greatly encouraged and received an additional supply of divine love.

The manifestations of the Spirit were numerous, varied and edifying. It can be truly said according to Heb. 2:4, "God also bearing them witness both with signs and wonders . . . and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will." I was very much blessed in my soul and inspired, as while I was preaching, at times, the Lord Worked so with me and confirmed the Word with signs following, Mark 16:20, so the whole congregation seemed to be convinced and swayed under the mighty power of God. An illustration of this was in the following manner, viz.:—While preaching on the Church (His Church) I was teaching how the members would be "joined together and compacted," Eph. 4:16, and took hold of dear Brother Gnathric, who was sitting near me and pulled him close to me when all of a sudden the power struck him and he was moved off, mightily operated by the

Spirit, showing what God would do for the church when all of God's people were really joined and compacted together in harmony with His perfect will. The operations and manifestations were marvelous in the extreme. At other times the discourses were illustrated by the Spirit operating in others. At other times the Spirit gave us beautiful tableaux, which were very instructive and edifying. Much time was spent in intercessory prayer, and many groans and cries were heard as the Spirit prayed and groaned within, Rom. 8:26-27, according to the will of God.

One special coincidence was noticeable and very impressive. While on the train bound for Arcadia we met Brother Jasper U. Borden, from Minneapolis, Minn., on his way to the camp. He was an entire stranger, and it was wonderful how God had led him, according to His own testimony, to be on the same train with us. When we arrived at Arcadia the saints were waiting at the station for us, although it was late at night, and they gave him a welcome and took him in with the rest of us. He went into the meeting with us, showed a sweet spirit and proved to be an excellent worker. When we finally presented the church (the Bible church) the light was shown upon the Word so clearly by the Spirit that the good brother saw it, and in his testimony he said he must "walk in the light," if his people and friends at home all turned against him. This dear brother was at Los Angeles, Cal., during the first outpouring there, four years ago, and received his baptism there. He had connected himself with the "Apostolic Faith" movement and had credentials from the "Apostolic Faith Mission," at Minneapolis, Minn., but, although he has profound respect and love for the Mission and its work, yet he gave up all this and presented himself for membership in the Lord's Church, and we gave him a glad welcome, and how the power did fall as the saints extended to him and another brother the right hand of fellowship. The church at Arcadia will grant him a minister's certificate, no doubt, very soon. We are sure that thousands of precious saints will walk right into the church as soon as they get the light, just like dear Brother Borden did. We must hasten on to spread this part of the Bible teaching, as indeed we are, for we are writing this while on the train speeding our way to Fort Myers, Fla.

Brothers McLain, Lee and Borden and Sister Haynes were used by the Lord in several cases of healing. The Lord's supper and feet-washing service was largely attended and greatly

blessed with the presence of the Lord. People came to the camp ground on foot, on horseback, in buggies, wagons and automobiles. It was indeed a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The church is left in fine working order. The same cry arose as is very common, viz.: "Stay longer, so many are just now becoming interested, you must stay over another Sunday." While we are loath to leave the precious people, yet we are compelled to say "Good bye," so as to make our next point in time. The Macedonian calls are so many and come so plaintive that we are not able to stay at one place long. We must hasten on. We will very greatly miss dear Brothers McLain and Lee who returned to their homes in Cleveland, Tenn., on account of urgent demands for their presence there at this time, but the "Pentecostal World Wide Mission Band," still continues on its world-wide mission to hasten the "gospel of the Kingdom" to every land. We have a company of eight on the train today bound for Alva, Fla.

The Spirit was blessedly with us in our last service last night, and the shouts and prayers sounded out on the night air late in the night. The hearts of the saints seem to be knit together in love. Good bye, dear ones, till we meet again.

Record Testimony

As prearranged on night of Sept. 3rd myself and Mixin left home near 8 o'clock bound for Raleigh N. C. by way of street car and Southern Railroad, and arrived at destination near midnight, and was met by brother Langley and wife at whose house we stopped. Next morning in pursuance of plans I preached the word to a nice congregation at 615 Gaston street, and we had a joyful time of fellowship with them. We enjoyed the kind hospitality of brother and sister Baker for dinner. Afternoon we preached to a crowded house of saints and sinners, at Fayetteville street crossing, in the Southern portion of the capital city. At the close of this service I found brother Thomas waiting in the street for me with buggy to take me to Tyson's chapel near four miles in country. When we arrived at the chapel the saints were singing and greeted me joyfully, and I gave the precious message as the Holy Ghost gave it to me, and the congregation took it in, and which was able to cause them to be wise unto salvation. Escorted by brother Cope I went to his house to spend the night. After prayer I retired, and slept fairly well alone, for Mixin was left in Raleigh. Next morning persuading the plans I

went with brother Cope to the city, and joined Mixin again. Then after much loss of time and inquiry, I found the Holy Convocation on the corner of Smithfield and Cabarran streets which was quite a treat to see in that commodious three story building. The shouting, leaping, dancing, singing and praising God that the saints did. They surely did have a glorious time. I preached to a small crowd Monday night and went to brother Langley's and spent the night.

I fasted Tuesday in preparation for feet washing which took place at 615 hall at which I preached that night to a small crowd, and regret to say only a few took part in foot washing. Mixin and I went home with brother Spence and spent the night. I went alone to convocation again. At night I preached again at Fayetteville street crossing to a fair turnout of people. After prayer with the sick we were led in song and organ music by the smallest girl (barefooted) I ever knew to play for preaching service. Time came for us to pack up and bid adieu to the occasion. We repaired to the depot where I gave out papers and envelopes etc. while waiting for the train, which we mounted near one o'clock, and ate our dinner while going home at good speed. After dinner we gave out and took up our "Union Transfer Society" envelopes, and thanked conductor for such permission. Gliding along in the beautiful clear daytime, we had a nice ride viewing country and towns as we passed. Mixin was so delighted she almost shouted. At last we reached Goldsboro and after some more tribulation we reached home again, and greeted my wife and other children. I ask all to pray for me that God may use me for the unity of all saints.

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Leaksville, N. C.

Dear Beloved in the Lord:

I feel impressed to write to your little paper and give my testimony. I will say that I do enjoy reading the "Evening Light." I have never met any of its workers, but I can say that I endorse its teaching. I praise God for all He has shown me, and for what He is doing for me and my home. I am saved, sanctified and have my Pentecost. Praise God. Three years ago I received my Pentecost, and the Lord called me to go into His vineyard. After having a battle with the devil for several weeks I got the victory,

I advertized everything I had but wife and seven children, and I began to sell and give out what little I had. I put my children in Miss Mattie Perry's school, and wife and I began to travel. The Lord blessed us. We trusted Him for all. He gave us souls. After a while we took our children and started on the road. We had nothing but three trunks. Well hallelujah. We went into towns not knowing anybody, and had nothing, and not asking for anything. Wife and I and seven children got all our needs supplied. I never heard my children cry for bread one time. The Lord simply stood by us. Praise His Name. Finally we got a call to Sprey, N. C., where I am now. We came here and found a little band of holiness people about three had the Pentecost speaking in other tongues. The Lord laid the burden of the people on my heart. We fasted and prayed till God heard and answered. We now have a church, about fifty have received Pentecost. We have about six Pentecost preachers in the church. Glory to God. People said we were going crazy by setting out, but praise God, He has given us more than we had at first. I have been out recently holding meetings, and the Lord had been taking souls through. Praise God. I am fighting the devil with both sleeves rolled up. I feel like throwing all the power God gives me into His service. I am in the fight till Jesus says come up higher. Praise God.

Pray for me.

PHILIP SIDERSKY,
The Yiddish Evangelist,
300 North Eden Street,
Baltimore, Md.

Pastor C. T. Russell,
Author and Propagator of "Millennial Dawnism,"
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:—

While I have been having your writings in book, as well as magazine form for several years, I must admit that I have not taken a great deal of time to read them carefully, but as I am interested in giving the Gospel to my own people (the Jews), and as I had noticed your special (paid) advertisements in the Yiddish papers about your meeting at New York Hippodrome on Sunday, October 9th, under the supposed theme of Zionism, and as I had never had the opportunity of hearing you personally, I made a special effort to attend that meeting.

Although this meeting was advertised to be under the auspices and by supposed invitation of the Zionists of New York, there was not a Jew on the platform to introduce you to the audi-

ence. I was not surprised that the Zionistic song, "Hatickva," which was sung by your choir in the ENGLISH at the close of your address, was NOT participated in by the Jews that were present at that meeting, because that song is only appreciated by the Jews when it is sung in Hebrew.

At the close of the service, among some of the literature that was given out was a copy of a Yiddish newspaper, "Die Stimme," (12 page, regular newspaper size) which is your official organ for propagating your teachings in the Yiddish language (by the way this is the only YIDDISH NEWSPAPER published by a GENTILE CHRISTIAN misconstruing the teachings of Jesus) and in reading it over carefully I find the following quotations in it which I am translating from the Yiddish into English for you to kindly give a definite answer in regard to the statements.

In the editorial on page one it states that you do not believe the foolish belief about God having appeared in human form and permitted Himself to be crucified as an atonement for all sins * * * and that you do not believe in the foolish Trinity.

In the same editorial you tell the Jews that you base all your teachings on the Bible, and that you are an apostle of God, sent for special purpose. You also tell the Jews that this is the time of the Messiah, and that the resurrection of the dead will soon take place. You do not tell them who the Messiah is going to be.

On page 10 of the same paper, you state that you do not believe in missions, and since you claim to believe in the Bible, what do you make of this verse, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark XVI, 15.)

On the same page, you also tell the non-English speaking Jews that Missions to the heathen for the last 25 years have been a failure. Of course I will leave this matter in the hands of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and that great world's missionary conference recently held in Edinburgh, to rectify this misleading statement to the non-English speaking Jews.

Since you have undertaken to spread your misleading teachings through the Yiddish press, I feel it my duty to do whatever lies in my power to take a stand for the truth in every way possible.

Yours very truly,

PHILIP SIDERSKY,

300 North Eden St., Baltimore, Md.

I am personally acquainted with the writer of the above, and I give it place because it shows how dear Brother Sidersky is taking a stand against "Millennial Dawnism," as propagated

by C. T. Russell, and trying to protect his people (the Jews) from that vile teaching. The same poisonous doctrine is being circulated all over our country, and it is sad indeed to know that not a few are accepting the teaching and wandering away from the plain, simple teachings of Jesus. I have burned volumes of "Millennial Dawn," and advise all who may read this, if you should have any in your possession, to consign them to the flames at once. I would not give one of those poisonous books a place in my house all night. A book that is against the teaching of Jesus shall have no place in my house any longer than it takes for me to acquaint myself with the fact. I have found a number of them in good Christian homes I have visited. They seem to be unconscious of the poison. The same persons would not suffer a rattlesnake to be in their house for fear it would bite their children, but don't think of the seriousness of having the minds of their children poisoned with "no-hellism." I have before me Vol. 1, No. 4, of Mr. Russell's own publication, which plainly teaches "total annihilation of the wicked," and gives a long article explaining the "Rich Man and Lazarus," misconstruing Scripture, and gives his own opinions. I want my readers to know that I have no sympathy with such teaching and that I am against all such erroneous doctrine, and that I am heartily in sympathy with Brother Sidersky and the stand he is taking. —Ed.

Work in Tellico Mountains of Tennessee and in the Mountains Near the N. Carolina and Georgia Line.

I have just returned from my work in the mountains of Tennessee with great joy in my soul. O, it is wonderful how God is blessing hearts there. People are being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost! The work is spreading more this year than ever. I have been able to get into two new fields where Pentecost had never before reached. We worked there with great victory and joy. The new church house in Tellico Mountains will be dedicated the second Sunday in December. The amount given me for the erection of this church was thirty-seven dollars, (\$37.00), all of which has been turned into the hands of the building committee. We are praying that God will give us a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the day of dedication, as we are expecting to have the Lord's Supper and feet washing.

We had a lot of clothing which the Lord had furnished us, which we carried to these people in the mountains, and O how God did bless us as we put them out, and many hearts were made glad on account of them. But we are made very sad on some occasions. As we were coming back through the mountains to the train we passed a small cabin by the wayside. There were a number of children in the yard barefooted, bareheaded, and not enough clothes on to hide their nakedness. One of them knew me, and asked me if I had any clothing to give them, and I was bound to reply, "No, I have just disposed of them all." This is only one case among many in these mountains. Pray that God will enable me to do more in supplying the needy ones. The day I arrived at Bro. Taylor's I preached in his house, which is a little fourteen foot cabin. We announced that we would distribute the goods Monday morning, and by seven o'clock the room was filled with people, so we had to carry the goods out into the yard and spread them out on boards, and in a short time the goods were practically gone. Some were so glad to get the goods they could hardly wait. Some of them said, "I don't know how I could have clothed my children this winter without them." A number of the good mothers said they had been waiting until I should come with the clothing, and a number of children were present who were in much need of hats, shoes and other clothing. I am praying that God will touch hearts and supply the great lack of this good people.

Dear reader, if you were here and should go with me to the homes of this precious people, you would say that the half of their great need had not been told. They need bedding, such as quilts and blankets, clothing for men and women, and especially for children. We have been praying that God would supply us with clothing to keep us in this missionary work all this winter. We could use now one hundred barrels of clothing such as we have mentioned among those mountain people! We thank God for these goods, and we are sure He will bless and reward all His faithful children for all the good they can do. Any one sending us a box or barrel of goods will please put their name and address in top of same, so that we can acknowledge it.

Trusting that we may receive the prayers of all the saints, we remain,
Your brother under the precious blood,

W. F. BRYANT,

2508 Gaut street, Cleveland, Tenn.

"Blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed."

CHRIST'S LAW.

ELD. R. G. SPURLING.

The Apostolic chain we sure have found,
With which to link this world around;
In christian's hearts the links are found,
Where peace and love and joy abound.

Then with the gospel open-ring,
To make this glorious heavenly chain;
Then hook them in those links of love,
That welds with power from above.

Before a council e'er was called,
To frame a creed for Babylon's wall;
The law of love the Church embraced;
No creeds of men could then be traced.

Think of what those councils done!
They broke the laws of God's own Son,
And set the church on men made creed,
And then the dark age did succeed.

O blessed be the gospel light,
That shines away Rome's long dark night,
That brings to view God's blessed law,
Beyond those heaps of wood and straw.

No, half reforming will not do,
But press your way right straight
on through,

And for Christ's blessed law contend,
And turn each foe into a friend.

This may be the last for all I know,
I am in the bed and very low.
For Jesus sake I pray take heed.
And build "The Church" that has no creed.

Meeting Notice.

A. J. Tomlinson and workers are expected to be at Wauchula, Fla., Dec. 6-15, 1910.

Key West, Fla.

"Evening Light," and the dear saints of our Lord Jesus Christ, Greeting:

This writing leaves me very well in spirit, soul and body. Praise the Lord! Glory to God for all His rich blessings! From time to time I pass out the copies of the "Evening Light" sent me to those whom I think will read them with care, as the Word teaches us not to give that which is holy unto dogs. The people here have no faith or confidence in Jesus or His Father and do not believe in doing the things He has commanded us to do. They have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. They

believe in their different sects and denominations, and they follow after different dead men—dead fathers, mothers and preachers. They do not accept Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life. Many of the whites fail to accept water baptism. They believe in saying and doing not. Luke 6:46; 14:26-27; Matt. 7:21-27. People here hate one another, lie, get drunk, and do all manner of evil, and say they are trying to serve God. I have been here for seven months standing alone for Jesus and the Church of God, and yet I am not tired of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, neither will I get tired if Jesus commands me to stay seven or seventeen months longer. Yes, I have gone hungry, not knowing where I would get my next meal. I was ordered out of the room where I was sleeping; but praise the Lord! I found that He did just what He has done so often. I cried to Him and He said, "Here I am." He stepped in just in time and did what was needed. Oh, I love to try the Lord and see if I am still in harmony with Him. Praise His name! It is so sweet to trust in Jesus. Now I ask the dear saints to pray for me, that

I may be kept humble and meek at the feet of Jesus, so He can use me when He wishes.

To the glory of His own Name and not mine, the Lord has shown me that He was going to pour out His wrath on the island and on the people for their sins, and I warned them as I was commanded, and it came to pass. He showed me that there would be many deaths this year. It has come to pass. Many people, to whose houses I had gone to teach the sick refused to hear the Word, and in a few days they died. There were three of these who asked me not to read the Word. In one house they laughed and scorned at the idea of not taking medicine, but take Christ for their Healer. Four died within thirty days. So the Lord has honored His Word in taking many away that would not receive it. There is not a church building of the negroes left standing that can be used at all. Some of the church buildings of the whites are in a bad shape since the last storm.

Now please don't fail to pray for me. I remain ever

Your brother in Christ,
E. C. FREEMAN, Evangelist,
808 Elizabeth Street,
Key West, Fla.

Sixth Annual Assembly

OF THE

CHURCH OF GOD.

TO BE HELD AT

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The benefits derived from each Annual Assembly of the past to all those who attended are inestimable.

A closer union and fellowship of the churches, as well as the members, is of great importance for the advancement of the Lord's Church.

Every local church is hereby instructed and urged to send one or more representatives, chosen men or women, as delegates, to attend or assist in this Sixth Annual Assembly.

The brothers and sisters of Cleveland are willing to furnish free entertainment for those who come as far as possible.

Business sessions every day mingled with prayers, praises and instructive discourses. Evangelistic services every night.

One of the main objects will be to search the Scriptures for a better understanding of the perfect plan for the Lord's Church and to more perfectly systematize the work accordingly. Come and help us to make this a time of special instruction and deepening into God.

If you are coming write a week before the date of assembly, to A. J. Tomlinson, 2625 Gaut St., Cleveland, Tenn.